

the Written Description.

B. In the Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(i))

Please AMEND independent claims 1, 11 and 21 as follows:

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C<sup>3</sup> 1. (TWICE AMENDED) A guide plate comprising:

an incidence end face to introduce illumination light; and

an emission function face provided to emit the illumination light,

wherein said emission function face is provided with a number of ridges, each of which has a first flank face directed to the incidence end face and a second flank face opposite to the first flank face, and

wherein each of said ridges runs so as to traverse obliquely the emission function face in a direction which is inclined at an angle falling within a predetermined angle range with respect to the incidence end face, said ridges being arranged disconnectedly at intervals.

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C<sup>4</sup> 11. (TWICE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type comprising:

a guide plate which has an incidence end face to introduce illumination light and an emission function face provided to emit the illumination light; and

a primary light source disposed beside the guide plate to supply illumination light,

wherein said emission function face is provided with a number of ridges, each of which has a first flank face directed to the incidence end face and a second flank face opposite to the first flank face, and

wherein each of said ridges runs so as to traverse obliquely the emission function face in a direction which is inclined at an angle falling within a predetermined angle range with respect to the incidence end face[s], said ridges being arranged disconnectedly at intervals.

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C<sup>5</sup> 21. (TWICE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display comprising:

a surface light source device of side light type which has a guide plate having an incidence end face to introduce illumination light and an emission function face provided to emit the illumination light and which has a primary light source disposed beside the guide plate to supply illumination light; and

a liquid crystal display panel to be illuminated by the surface light source device,

wherein said emission function face is provided with a number of ridges, each of which